(b) If so, the relief proposed to be given to the company by waiving the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) had submitted a comprehensive turn around proposal for its revival which inter-alia included waiver of losses. The Disinvestment Commission has recommended writing off of the entire accumulated losses of the company, alongwith disinvestment of not less than 51% of its remaining equity in RINL to a strategic buyer. No final decision has yet been taken on these recommendations.

Incidents of Atrocities on Tribals in M.P.

†409. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether maximum number of incidents of atrocities on tribals have taken place in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) Whether Government have any special role in the prevention of atrocities;

(c) If so, the details of atrocities on tribals in other States, alongwith Madhya Pradesh from 1998-99 to till date; and

(d) Whether any concrete initiative has been taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Law and order is a State subject. However, there are 105 number of cases which have been registered in Madhya Pradesh in 1999.

(b) In pursuance of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Central Assistance is released to the State Governments on 50:50 basis and to Union Territory Administrations on 100 per cent basis to support measures undertaken by them for effective implementation of the Act, which includes the provision of legal aid, appointment of officers for initiating or supervising prosecutions, setting up of Special Courts and Committees, conducting periodic surveys, indentification of untouchability/ atrocity prone areas and providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims dependents.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) Information is given in the statement enclosed (*See* below).

(d) Ministry of Home Affairs in their circular addressed to the Chief Secretaries of the States/Union Territory Administrations have reiterated their advice to give more focussed attention for improving administration of criminal justice system to ensure prevention of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Statement

Number of Cases of Atrocities Against Scheduled Tribes During 1998 and 1999 Registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1999.

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Number of Incidents against Scheduled Tribes during		
		1998	1999*	*Information upto
1.	Andhra Pradesh	55	34	Nov (July)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	September
3.	Assam	0	0	October
4.	Bihar	73	Not Available	
5.	Goa	1	0	December
6.	Gujarat	55	42	November
7.	Haryana	2	0	December
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	0	December
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	November
10.	Karnataka	35	49	December
11.	Kerala	25	10	Nov. (October)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	78	105	December
13.	Maharashtra	31	18	Dec. (Aug.-Sept-Nov.)
14.	Manipur	0	0	December
15.	Meghalaya	0	0	September
16.	Mizoram	0	0	December
17.	Nagaland	0	0	December
18.	Orissa	91	60	July
19.	Punjab	0	4	November
20.	Rajasthan	213	145	November
21.	Sikkim	1	0	November
22.	Tamil Nadu	7	11	November

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Number of Incidents against Scheduled Tribes during 1998	1999*	*Information upto
23.	Tripura	0	0	November
24.	Uttar Pradesh	40	6	November
25.	West Bengal	0	0	November
TOTAL: States		**708**	**484**	
26.	A&N Islands	0	0	December
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	December
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1	0	December
29.	Daman and Diu	0	0	November (August)
30.	Delhi	0	0	December
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	December
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	December
TOTAL: Union Territories		**1**	**0**	
TOTAL: All India		**709**	**484**	

NOTE: Figures are provisional, Bracketed Month names indicate non availability.

Displacement of Tribal Communities due to Dams

†410. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that nearly 4.5 crores people have been displaced due to big dams all over the country and more than 80 percent of these people belong to tribal communities;

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the clans of many tribal communities have disappeared after their displacement due to these dams; and

(c) Whether Government would take care to give a better life to remaining tribal communities?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c): It is a fact that a large number of tribals are displaced as a result of the construction of dams all over the country. Emphasis is placed on their rehabilitation after creating necessary social infrastructures like schools, roads water supply, etc. by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administrations. It is prerequisite on the part of the Project Authorities to get

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